GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

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Per Capita Availability of Drinking Water
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita availability of drinking water during each of the last three years and the current year;
(b) whether per capita availability of drinking water is decreasing continuously and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government''s effort to provide potable drinking water to everyone is getting affected due to the continuous expansion of packaged drinking water market and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 212 due for reply on 16.03.2017

(a) & (b) Per capita availability of drinking water in the country is monitored by the Ministry at habitation level and habitations are categorized based on this / quality of water. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) guidelines, the per capita norm for drinking water in rural areas is at least 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd). As per information provided by States / UTs on on-line monitoring portal Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of Ministry, the percentage of fully covered habitations (with the availability of 40 lpcd) out of total rural habitations is increasing continuously over last three years. The detail in this respect is as under:

As on	Fully covered habitations in terms of % out of total habitations
01.04.2014	73.66
01.04.2015	74.14
01.04.2016	75.68
13.03.2017	76.95

(c) Rural Water Supply is a State subject. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry's mandate is to provide technical & financial assistance to the States in their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water to rural population. The market of packaged drinking water is emerging & expanding mostly in the urban areas. Thus the effort of the Ministry directly and through the States towards making availability of drinking water to every rural person is not getting affected.